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Confirmation No. 8945

Application No.: 10/655,985)
Filing Date: September 5, 2003)
Applicant(s): Guoming G. Zhu et al.)
Group Art Unit: 2863)
Examiner: Michael P. Nghiem)
Title: Methods Of Diagnosing Open-)
Secondary Winding Of An)
Ignition Coil Using The)
Ionization Current Signal)
Attorney Docket: 46107-0091)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 17, 2006. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.